

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Atsuo SAKAI

SERIAL NO: New Application

GAU:

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EXAMINER:

FOR: STEERING CONTROL DEVICE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

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- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e):  
Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Filed \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY

Japan

APPLICATION NUMBER

2002-298664

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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☒ are submitted herewith

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☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_; and


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